

**MINUTES OF THE DRIFFIELD TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 7 NOVEMBER 2023 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, THE COMMUNITY CENTRE, DRIFFIELD**

**Present:** Councillors G Helliwell (Chair), G Lucas (Vice Chair), A Newall, M Rogers, S Fletcher, K Stack, T Watson, S Starrett, F Smith, C Bekker, P Rounding, admin assistant P Danby, and Town Clerk M Brown

**154/23 Public Discussion and Comment:**

PC Philips reported that 3 ASBO's, 3 burglaries, 7 offences relating to assaults, and 2 reports of criminal damage had taken place. PC Philips then introduced PC McLaren, and PC Overton to the room. He reminded everyone that whilst the front counter at the station was not manned 24/7, the station itself is.

PC Philips confirmed that the Police will attend both the Remembrance Parade and Christmas Light Switch on.

Representation from the Friends of Driffeld Sustainable Park was made. The group have formed to try and ensure the land on Lockwood Street remains as an environmentally focused green space for the benefit of Driffeld. Cllrs were told that local schools are planning to get involved and they have had lots of interest on social media. The Cllrs were reminded that there is little to no green space at that end of town and it would be good for the wellbeing of all with suggestions of use being that of an orchard, wildlife trail, and to encourage growth of plant life.

The original plans from many years ago of a school or doctors' surgery never materialised.

Cllr Michael Lee (also in attendance) confirmed that an assessment had been carried out, which found that development was uneconomical to proceed with at this time and that no viable plan to proceed was currently in place. Cllr Lee confirmed that any future plan would receive a full consultation.

Cllr Rounding thought the initiative was very worthwhile and that the council should support this initiative.

**155/23 Apologies for absence:**

Councillors B Smith, M Blakeston, M Strath, W Strath,

**156/23 Declarations of Interest:**

None

**157/23 Registration of Gifts or Hospitality:**

None

- 158/23 Questions, Matters of Accuracy and Observations on the Full Town Council minutes of 3 October 2023**
- 123/23** Cllr Stack stated that he had sent apologies which the clerk acknowledged.
- 137/23** Cllr Rogers felt the minutes suggested he knows the landowner, which he does not and wanted this to be clear.
- 135/23** Cllr Rogers requested clarification that as the meeting was held in the meeting room could it be classed as a full council extraordinary meeting?
- 159/23 Adoption of the Full Town Council Minutes of 3 October 2023**
- Due to the low attendance of the October meeting, and the absence of many of those who attended at the November meeting, it was **agreed** with 4 for, 1 against, and 5 abstentions to defer the adoption of the minutes to the December meeting.
- 160/23 Clerks update**
- The clerk reported the resignation of Cllr Jones-Stork who was thanked for her contribution. An appeal was made for volunteers to step forward to support the Christmas lights switch on and a reminder made of the forthcoming Remembrance events.
- 161/23 Healthy Towns Update**
- No update was available as both representatives were not in attendance.
- 162/23 Driffield Youth Action update**
- Cllr Rounding reported that the last meeting went well, and financially DYA are in a healthy position and hoping to expand. Anyone with suggestions and ideas are welcome to come forward. The gaming bus that was stationed at the council offices proved very popular. Active Fridays are continuing on the all weather pitch at the leisure centre.
- 163/23 To consider the current H&S arrangements**
- Cllr Rounding believed that Kestrel are not helping council with their support, but more blocking what we are doing and that we don't need anyone else telling us how to run events. These concerns were shared by Cllr Rogers. Cllr Rounding also felt we needed to be mindful of costs which was shared by Cllr Stack. The clerk made it clear that he was not H&S qualified and felt that external support from an appropriately accredited company and staff was needed. It was **agreed** to add the future of the current H&S consultants to the next agenda and to take advice from ERNLLCA over what they could offer.
- 164/23 To co-opt additional councillors to the required committees (1x Environment, 1x Planning, 2x CCTV, 2x Allotment, 2x Market)**
- Cllr Starrett was co-opted to the Environment committee  
 Cllr Bekker was co-opted to the Planning committee  
 Cllr Bekker and Cllr M Strath were co-opted to the CCTV committee

Cllr Fletcher was co-opted to the allotment committee  
Cllr Fletcher was co-opted to the market committee  
These co-options were agreed with all in favour

**165/23 To elect new signatories to the Mayors Charity Fund bank account**

Cllr Newall and Cllr Rogers put themselves forward for this which was agreed with all in favour

**166/23 Highway Matters**

(a) To consider a resolution to again write to ERYC about the continued speeding along Riverside and improved signage

Cllr Stack reminded the council that this issue has since deteriorated further since the dentist opened and that something needed to be done. This was agreed.

**Any other highway issues**

(b) It was raised that the number of large vehicles moving along Skerne Road had increased significantly recently. It was agreed that a letter should be written to ERYC asking them to introduce additional traffic calming measures.

(c) Cllr F Smith reported that the footpath along windmill hill had seen the grass verge intruding on to the path. It was also extremely slippery due to being covered with leaves. It was agreed a letter should be sent to ERYC asking them to rectify.

**167/23 Adoption of the extraordinary Personnel Minutes of 12 October 2023**

These were presented for adoption by Cllr Rogers

The minutes were adopted with all in favour

**168/23 Adoption of the Environment Committee Minutes of 10 October 2023**

These were presented for adoption by Cllr Watson

The minutes were adopted with all in favour

**169/23 Adoption of the Events Committee Minutes of 10 October 2023**

These were presented for adoption by Cllr Newall

The minutes were adopted with all in favour

**170/23 Adoption of the Planning Committee Minutes of 10 October 2023**

These were presented for adoption by Cllr Lucas

The minutes were adopted with all in favour

**171/23                    Adoption of the Extraordinary Full Town Council meeting Minutes of 18 October 2023**

These were presented for adoption by Cllr Helliwell

The minutes were adopted with 2 abstentions

**172/23                    Adoption of the Properties and Asset Committee Minutes of 31 October 2023**

These were presented for adoption by Cllr Rogers

The minutes were adopted with all in favour

**173/23                    Responsible Financial Officers Report**

The RFO report was agreed with all in favour

**174/23                    Delegates reports**

None

**175/23                    Date of Next Meeting**

Tuesday 5 December at 7pm

The meeting closed at 8.40pm.

..... Signed

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